POST GAME QUOTES Saturday, July 8, 2023 LAFC VS. Earthquakes

MAMADOU FALL LAFC DEFENDER

RE: How does it feel to be back here playing in LA?

"It feels good. It was a warm welcome and I am happy to be back and to start playing right away."

RE: It was your first game back - what have been some of the challenges that you've seen defensively that the team has been struggling with?

"I think we are struggling defensively. We were trying to pick up the pace in the second half - I think it got better. We were struggling defensively."

RE: What do you feel you can contribute to the group moving forward?

"Help the team to win - keep a clean sheet and don't get goals; I think that's the goal this year to help the team get better defensively.

RE: What would you say some of the most valuable, or at least one valuable lesson, that you picked up during your time in Villarreal?

"Play simple and play the game as it is. Keep it simple and smart, I think that is the most valuable lesson that I learned during my time in Spain."

RE: Steve said it was a tough position to start you and have you play 90 in your first game back; how did you feel playing 90 and what did you make of your performance tonight?

"It was kind of tough; it was my first game back and I was trying to pick up my pace and help my team pick it up. Because I think we are very close; we are close to getting a win right now."

RE: If you could just walk us through the first goal for San Jose when you were 1 on 1 with Espinoza?

"We make a couple mistakes and I think it was a terrible defensively from me; I will take it by myself and they scored. We were trying to get back and we got back to get our point - I think that was the most important thing: we cannot lose this game."